

COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

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Recommendation for a

COUNCIL DECISION

on the conclusion of an Agreement in the form
of an exchange of letters renewing the Agreement
on Trade and Technical Cooperation between the
European Economic Community and the Member States,
of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of
the other part

(submitted to the Council by the Commission)

Explanatory Memorandum

1. The Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic, which was signed on 21 May 1965, entered into force on 1 July 1968 for a period of three years.

It expired on 30 June 1971 and, at the request of the Lebanese Government, was extended for three successive one-year periods by Council decisions of 12 July 1971, 13 July 1972 and 4 June 1973.

2. In its letter of 27 May 1974 to the President of the Council and the President of the Commission, the Lebanese Mission to the European Communities stated that the Lebanese Government desired a further renewable extension of one year, in accordance with Article XII of the Agreement.

3. In a declaration by the Contracting Parties in annex to the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Lebanese Republic,¹ it was agreed that the 1965 Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation would continue to be valid for the fields not covered by the former Agreement.

Furthermore, in a declaration annexed to the supplementary Protocol to that Agreement, the Community and the Member States expressed their intention of annually extending the Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation for as long as the Agreement signed on 18 December 1972 remains in force.

4. The Commission recommends that the Council:

adopt the draft decision which appears in
Annex I and which extends the Agreement on Trade and
Technical Cooperation between the European Economic
Community and the Lebanese Republic;
adopt the draft exchange of letters which appear in
Annex II.

¹ Although it was signed on 18 December 1972 this agreement has not yet come into force.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
and in particular Article 113 thereof;

Having regard to the Recommendation from the Commission;

Whereas it is appropriate to extend the validity of the Agreement on
Trade and Technical Cooperation between the European Economic Community and
the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other
part for a renewable period of one year, in accordance with Article XII
thereof ;

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS :

Article 1

The Agreement in the form of an exchange of letters renewing the
Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation between the European Economic
Community and the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic,
of the other part, signed at Brussels on 21 May 1965, shall be concluded on
behalf of the Community. The text of the exchange of letters is annexed to
this Decision.

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Article 2

The President of the Council is hereby authorised to designate those persons empowered to sign the Agreement and to confer on them the necessary powers to bind the Community.

Done at Brussels,

For the Council
The President

AGREEMENT
IN THE FORM OF AN EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
RENEWING THE AGREEMENT ON TRADE
AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE
EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE ONE PART, AND THE LEBANESE REPUBLIC, OF THE OTHER PART

A. Letter to be sent to the Lebanese authorities :

Sir,

We would refer to Article XII of the Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 21 May 1965, and have the honour to inform you on behalf of the European Economic Community and of the Member States that the Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States have agreed to a further extension of the validity of the aforesaid Agreement for a period of one year from 1 July 1974.

The Council of the European Communities will notify the Government of the Lebanese Republic of the completion of the internal procedures necessary, both within the European Economic Community and within the Member States, for the entry into force of this extension Agreement.

This Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the month following the month of such notification.

The Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States hereby declare that they are prepared to apply this Agreement provisionally, each for its part and in accordance with its own arrangements, with effect from 1 July 1974 on condition that the Government of the Lebanese Republic make a similar declaration.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of our highest consideration.

On behalf of the Council
of the European Communities

B. Letter be sent to the President of the Council of the European Communities

Sir,

In your letter of _____ you were so good as to make, on behalf of the European Economic Community and of the Governments of the Member States, the following communication :

"We would refer to Article XII of the Agreement on Trade and Technical Cooperation between the European Economic Community and the Member States, of the one part, and the Lebanese Republic, of the other part, signed at Brussels on 21 May 1965, and have the honour to inform you on behalf of the European Economic Community and of the Member States that the Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States have agreed to a further extension of the validity of the aforesaid Agreement for a period of one year from 1 July 1974.

The Council of the European Communities will notify the Government of the Lebanese Republic of the completion of the internal procedures necessary, both within the European Economic Community and within the Member States, for the entry into force of this extension Agreement.

The Agreement will enter into force on the first day of the month following the month of such notification.

The Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States hereby declare that they are prepared to apply this Agreement provisionally, each for its part and in accordance with its own arrangements, with effect from 1 July 1974, on condition that the Government of the Lebanese Republic make a similar declaration".

I have the honour, on behalf of the Government of the Lebanese Republic, to inform you that the latter also agrees that the validity of the said Agreement be extended for a period of one year and that it hereby declares that it is prepared to apply provisionally, for its part and in accordance with its own arrangements, this extension Agreement with effect from 1 July 1974.

Please accept, Sir, the assurance of my highest consideration.